LBJ Reportedly Suspected CIA Link in JFK's Death

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President Lyndon B. Johnson told an aide in 1967 he felt the Central Intelligence Agency was somehow connected in a plot to assassinate his predecessor, John F. Kennedy.

The comment was made "in an off moment" to Marvin Watson, who relayed it to FBI official Cartha D. DeLoach. DeLoach recorded it in a memo contained in the 40,001 pages of Kennedy assassination files released last week by the FBI.

Watson said Johnson told him "that he was now convinced there was a plot in connection with the assassination. Watson stated the President felt that CIA had had something to do with this plot."

Watson asked for any pertinent material the FBI had on CIA involvement.

DeLoach said in the memo that he "reminded Watson that the director [the late J. Edgar Hoover] had sent over to the White House all the information in our possession in connection with CIA's attempt to use former agent Robert Maheu and his private detective outfit in contacts with Sam Giancana and other hoodlums, relative to fostering a plot to assassinate Castro . . .

"I told [Watson] we had no further information in this regard."